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SUBJECT: DISCUSSION WITH FCO ON YEMENI ASSASSINATION

REFERENCE: SANA 1490

1. EMBOFF REVIEWED SUBSTANCE OF REFTEL WITH DAY AND RADCLIFFE IN FCO MIDDLE EAST DEPARTMENT APRIL 19. EMBOFF OMITTED ITEMS ATTRIBUTED TO BRITISH AMBASSADOR BUT NOTED THAT US AND UK AMBASSADORS IN SANA, LIKE EVERYONE ELSE THERE, ARE COMPARING NOTES ON THE ASSASSINATION. FCO HAS OF COURSE HEARD THE YARG VERSION ARTICULATED BY ASNAG THAT THE ABU LUHUMS AND MUHSIN AL-AYNI ARE BEHIND THE ASSASSINATION, BUT ITS MIDDLE EAST DEPARTMENT WILL REMAIN SKEPTICAL OF THIS VERSION UNTIL ALL THE EVIDENCE IS IN. DESK OFFICER RADCLIFFE REMAINED DETERMINEDLY NONCOMMITTAL BUT OLD ADEN HAND DAY SPECULATED THAT PDRY MIGHT BE BEHIND THE CRIME. MEANWHILE, THEY ASSERTED, FCO IS LEAVING THE MATTER ENTIRELY CONFIDENTIAL

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TO THE BRITISH POLICE AND INTELLIGENCE SERVICES. SEE SEPTTEL ON SCOTLAND YARD ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING A PALESTINIAN SUSPECT.

2. ON POLICY GROUNDS, FCO IS DEEPLY CONCERNED OVER INCIDENT BECAUSE OF ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR SECURITY OF BRITISH PUBLIC AND FOR ARAB STATESMEN VISITING LONDON.

AS DAY HAS POINTED OUT, LAST SUMMER WELL OVER 500,000
ARABS VISITED LONDON, WHICH AT ONE POINT CONTAINED OVER
TWO PERCENT OF THE ENTIRE POPULATION OF QATAR. THIS
SUMMER FCO AND SAUDI EMBASSY BELIEVE THERE WILL BE OVER
ONE MILLION ARABS VISITING LONDON. THE PROSPECT OF ARABS
MAKING A PRACTICE OF SETTLING THEIR POLITICAL QUARRELS
BY SHOOT-OUTS IN CENTRAL LONDON IS AN APPALLING ONE FOR
HMG. ACCORDINGLY, A MAJOR EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO CAPTURE
THE KILLER OF THE AL-HAJARIS.
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